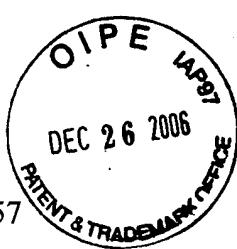


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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated August 24, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9-10, 12-14, 17-18, and 20-22. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 40.20(b)(1), the fee for this Notice of Appeal is \$500.00. Applicants petition the Commission for Patents to extend the time for responding to the Final Office Action dated August 24, 2006, by one month for a fee of \$120.00. The credit card payment authorization for the fee is made via the electronic submission process.

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